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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING AND GUIDANCE REFTEL A. WE WISH TO COMMENT SPECIFICALLY ON TWO POINTS:

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES IN THE US AND CONSIDERATION WHICH WAS GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF POSTPONEMENT. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, AS AMBASSADOR STATED DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS, THAT US POLICY SHOULD BE TO SEEK TO FOSTER US-BRAZILIAN COOPERATION IN THE NUCLEAR AREA, TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT US NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, AND THAT THE US SHOULD AVOID ANY SIGNALS TO THE CONTRARY. THIS GENERAL APPROACH IS IN LINE
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WITH SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA.

THIS IS ALSO CENTRAL MESSAGE OF AMBASSADOR'S
PROPOSED INTERVIEW (BRASILIA 7130).

3. WE AGREE WITH GENERAL ATOMICS' ASSESSMENT OF
THE BRAZILIAN REACTION TO ANY US MOVE TO DEFER
SIGNATURE. IN FACT, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, HIGH-
LEVEL BRAZILIAN SPOKESMEN IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE
REPEATEDLY STRESSED THEME OF BRAZIL'S DESIRE FOR
NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH COUNTRIES OTHER THAN FRG,
NOTABLY US. HTGR AND GCFR HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED IN CONTEXT OF BRAZIL'S DESIRE FOR
ACCESS TO MORE ADVANCED REACTOR TECHNOLOGY THAN THAT
REFLECTED IN GERMAN AGREEMENT, AND UEKI HAS EVEN
ANNOUNCED HIS EXPECTATION TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT.
THUS GOB MAY WELL DECIDE, FOR ITS OWN REASONS, TO
GIVE PUBLICITY TO SIGNING OF GA-NUCLEBRAS AGREEMENT.
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